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By Facsimile

REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:

5HSM-TUB7

July 10, 1991

Mr. David Caudill
Aeronca, Inc.
1712 Germantown Road
Middletown, Ohio 45042-9983

Dear Mr. Caudill:

Pursuant to our conversation today, I am sending to you a copy of Sheila A. Sullivan's April 10, 1991 letter to H. D. Pratt which includes attachments inadvertently not included with the General Notice letter. I have also included a copy of a page from a ledger book obtained from Elsa Skinner referencing dumping by Aeronca.

As we discussed, the U.S. EPA anticipates issuing additional General Notice letters in the near future. We will provide you with a copy of the updated PRP list as soon as it is available.

We look forward to receiving your response to the March 29, 1991 General Notice and request for information letter.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, do not hesitate to contact me at 312/353-8069.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul J. Rogers".

Paul J. Rogers
Civil Investigator



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H.D. Pratt
Vice President, Administration
Aeronca, Inc.
1712 Germantown Road
Middletown, Ohio 45042-9983

REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:
5HS-11

Re: General Notice of Liability and Information Request
Skinner Landfill
West Chester, Ohio

Dear Sir or Madam:

Thank you for your letter of April 8, 1991 regarding the General Notice of Liability and Information Request for the Skinner Landfill, dated March 29, 1991. Your letter mentions that you did not receive certain attachments which should have accompanied the basic General Notice letter. We understand your concern and thank you for bringing this oversight to our attention.

The first attachment you should have received is referenced in Attachment A on page 8 of the basic General Notice letter. This attachment contains information from the early 1960's of the complaints filed against the Skinner Landfill. I am enclosing four letters dated: July 7, 1964 to Aeronca Manufacturing Corporation from Louis W. Gaker; November 16, 1964 to Mr. Albert Skinner from Louis W. Gaker; August 9, 1965 to Mr. Albert Skinner from Louis W. Gaker; and, August 9, 1965 to Mr. Kahny of Aeronca Manufacturing Corporation from Louis W. Gaker.

The second attachment (Attachment B) to the basic General Notice letter is a listing of potentially responsible parties for the Skinner Landfill. This Attachment B was sent in a separate mailing immediately following the issuance of the General Notice letter; however, I am enclosing another copy for your convenience.

We sincerely regret any inconvenience this oversight may have caused in responding to our request. Please contact me at 312/886-5251 or Mr. John Breslin at 312/886-7165 if you have any questions or require additional time to prepare a response.

Sincerely yours,

Sheila A. Sullivan
Sheila A. Sullivan
Project Manager

Enclosures

cc (letter and attachment):
Sheila Huff, U.S. DOI
Cheryl Roberto
Kathy Davidson, OEPA

bcc (letter and attachments):
John Breslin, ORC
Fred Bartman

July 7, 1964

C
Aeronica Manufacturing Corporation
1712 Germantown Road
Middletown, Ohio

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Attention: Superintendent

Dear Sir:

Residents of Union Township have reported to us that your company has been disposing of industrial waste at Skinner's dump in West Chester.

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Regulations of the Butler County Board of Health specify that industrial waste may not be disposed of in Butler County without direct permission of the Board of Health.

If these reports are true we have no record of such permission and your company would be acting in violation of the Board's regulations.

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Should you not be sending refuse to this dump we would appreciate a letter so stating. If you have disposed of material there we would like to know what materials were disposed of (whether toxic or not) and when such disposals were made.

Yours truly,

Louis W. Gaker, M.D.
Commissioner of Health
Butler County Health Department

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7-31-64 PHONE CONVERSATION - L. J. KARHNEY - AGREED TO NOTIFY
US OF CONTENTS OF DISPOSAL BEFORE ANY FURTHER DUMPING TO
PLACE - LAST DUMPING OCT. 1963.

Aeronica Co. - Mr. L. J. Karhney

November 16, 1964

C
O
P
Y
Mr. Albert Skinner
West Chester,
Ohio

Dear Sir:

Please accept this note as permission to take care of the potassium permanganate solution (7,800 gallons) from Aeronca Corporation of Middletown, Ohio.

Yours truly,

Louis W. Gaker, M.D.
Commissioner of Health
Butler County Health Department

LWG:bg

August 9, 1965

C
O
P
Y
Mr. Albert Skinner
West Chester,
Ohio

Dear Mr. Skinner:

Please accept this note as permission to take care of the potassium permanganate solution from the Aeronca Manufacturing Corporation of Middletown, Ohio. The solution of nitric acid which was discussed with Mr. Kahny of Aeronca is not to be disposed of in your dump at any time.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Yours truly,

Louis W. Gaker, M.D.
Commissioner of Health
Butler County Health Department

LWG:bg

August 9, 1965

Mr. Kahny
Aeronca Manufacturing Corporation
1712 Germantown Road
Middletown, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Please accept this note of permission to dispose of a solution of potassium permanganate in the dump of Albert Skinner if agreeable with Mr. Skinner. This permit does not include dumping of solution containing nitric acid which we suggest should be neutralized and disposed of in your territory. If disposed of in the sewer system, it would be advisable to so notify the Middletown authorities.

In any event, we do not wish even the neutralized solution to be placed at the Skinner dump.

Yours truly,

Louis W. Gaker, M.D.
Commissioner of Health
Butler County Health Department

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ATTACHMENT B

POTENTIALLY RESPONSIBLE PARTIES

Skinner Landfill Site
West Chester, Ohio

1. Aeronca, Inc.
7415 Pineville/Matthews Road
Charlotte, NC 28226
2. Dow Chemical Company
2030 Willard H. Dow Center
Midland, MI 48640
3. Ford Motor Company
The American Road
Dearborn, MI 48121
4. Monsanto Company
800 N. Lindbergh Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63166
5. Elsa M. Skinner
8750 Cincinnati-Dayton Road
West Chester, OH 45069
6. Earlene Skinner
Administratrix of Estate
of John Skinner